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SUBJECT: JACQUES BARROT, MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND SMALL
BUSINESS

1. THE PROMOTION OF JACQUES BARROT TO MINISTER OF
COMMERCE AND SMALL BUSINESS WOULD SEEM TO BE HIS JUST
REWARD FOR FAITHFUL SERVICE AS SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
HOUSING THROUGH THREE ADMINISTRATIONS. HE RECEIVED HIS
POST IN HOUSING DESPITE HIS SUPPORT OF CHABAN-DELMAS IN
THE ELECTIONS IN 1974, HAVING SWITCHED TO GISCARD IN
THE SECOND ROUND. DURING HIS TENURE HE ACTIVELY SOUGHT
REFORM, PARTICULARLY IN FINANCING FOR CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS.

2. BARROT BEGAN HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN 1967 WHEN
HE WAS ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE HAUTE-LOIRE IN THE
NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER,
WHO HAD HELD THAT POSITION SINCE 1945.

3. IN 1969, HE LEFT THE DEMOCRATIC CENTER (CD) TO
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JOIN JACQUES DUHAMEL AND JOSEPH FONTANET IN THE
CENTRE DEMOCRATIE ET PROGRES (CDP). IN 1973 HE BECAME
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CDP, AND IN 1976 PARTICIPATED
IN THE CREATION OF THE CENTRE DEMOCRATE SOCIAUX (CDS).
HE SERVED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CDS UNTIL
SEPTEMBER, 1977.

4. BARROT STUDIED SOCIOLOGY AND HAS DEGREES IN LAW AND
POLITICAL SCIENCE. HE WAS AWARDED A LEADER GRANT IN
1973. HE IS 41 AND SINGLE.
HARTMAN

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